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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: (Uncl) Exploitation of the Anders Collection

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1. This refers to your memorandum, above subject, dated 13 March 1951.

2. The conditions of paragraphs 1a, 1c, and 1d of your memorandum are agreeable. Your attention is invited to the attached correspondence between the Library of Congress and the Collection Division, Directorate of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force.

3. Regarding your memorandum, paragraph 1b, exploitation of the collection has already begun.

4. It is suggested that any queries from your agency regarding the Anders Collection be directed through Lt. Colonel C. J. Moore, the Air Force Project Officer.

5. Your agency will be furnished pertinent extracts from the collection as soon as they are available.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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1. Ltr fr Library of Congress to Collection Div, D/I, Hq USAF, dtd 23 Feb 51 (in dup)
2. Ltr fr Collection Div, D/I, Hq USAF to Library of Congress, dtd 16 Apr 51 (in dup)

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Chief, Collection Control Branch
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Directorate of Intelligence

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Reference Department

Dear General Ackerman:

The problem of the Anders Collection and its exploitation by the Air Studies Division has come to my attention, and I find it necessary to inform you that as matters now stand the Library of Congress cannot fulfill its obligations with regard to the collection.

As you may know, the Librarian of Congress arranged with General Wladyslaw Anders and with the Hoover Library at Stanford, California, for the Anders Collection to be placed on loan to the Library of Congress for a one-year period. The time limit was subscribed to by representatives of your office, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Air Studies Division as being adequate for extracting from the collection the information required by the five agencies concerned (CIA, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, and the State Department).

Your office and CIA were informed on October 18, 1950, that the transfer of the collection had been successfully arranged, that the documents would probably arrive in Washington within six weeks, and that certain arrangements would have to be made very shortly thereafter to permit the completion of the project in the specified time. These arrangements included the transfer of funds for the project, the submission of over-all informational requirements, and agreement upon procedures whereby non-citizens could receive security clearances necessary for the program. The first two items were to be handled by CIA, the third by USAF.

The Anders Collection arrived early in December, as expected, but to date there has been no final word on the availability of funds, no comprehensive requirements have been submitted to the Air Studies Division, and the only decision on security clearances has been a tentative one to the effect that clearance for non-citizens might require eight months. Little more than nine months of the one-year limit remains, and even if funds, requirements, and clearances were available immediately, it would now be impossible to complete the project on schedule.

While it may be feasible to request General Anders and the Hoover Library to extend the loan period, a resurvey of the entire program is necessary before such a request can be made. First, of course, the Library will require some realistic estimate as to the time required for essential arrangements. Also it would be desirable to specify responsibility for the project. Although the fact is not clearly reflected in existing correspondence on the subject, it is my understanding that the Air Studies Division has accepted perhaps more responsibility -- at least at the working level -- than it should.

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The difficulties thus far encountered, I believe, demonstrate quite clearly that Air Studies cannot continue to do so without jeopardizing its own programs.

It will be appreciated, therefore, if your office and CIA -- which still has primary responsibility, I believe -- can provide me with answers to the following questions:

- a. How much longer will it take to provide funds for the project?
- b. When will over-all requirements be available?
- c. How long will it take to obtain security clearances for project employees, presuming that they will be non-citizens and will require access to RESTRICTED materials?
- d. What office -- other than Air Studies -- is to be responsible for the project, in terms of policy, administration, the collating of requirements, and the devising of reproduction facilities, distribution mechanisms, etc?

This information will enable the Library of Congress to decide whether to request an extension of its custody of the Anders Collection, or to suggest that other arrangements, not involving the Library, be made for exploiting the collection.

I shall appreciate an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

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Director, Reference Department

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Dr. Burton W. Adkinson
Director, Reference Department
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Dear Dr. Adkinson:

With reference to your recent letter concerning the Library of Congress' exploitation of the Anders Collection, I appreciate your interest in the collection and have had steps taken to simplify the problem, both from your viewpoint and that of the Air Force.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force, which makes clear the administrative responsibility concerning the collection. There now remains a question of finding arrangements mutually satisfactory to the Air Force and to the Library of Congress.

Regarding the specific questions so clearly put forth in your letter, it is my understanding that funds for exploiting the collection are presently available to the Air Studies Division from a surplus in the Treasure Island project and that the requirements for exploiting the Anders Collection are also in the hands of Mr. John F. Stearns.

Since the clearance problem does not seem solvable within a reasonable time, it has been informally agreed between the Air Studies Division and the Collection Control Branch to handle the Anders material so that no clearance other than that required by the internal administration of the Library will be necessary.

To answer your final question, the sole monitoring office outside the Library on the project will be the Collection Control Branch of Collection Division, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force. The Air Force's Project Officer will be Lt. Colonel C. J. Moore, whom you have already met as the Treasure Island Project Officer.

It is my hope that with this situation in mind you will feel yourself free to ask the Hoover Library for an extension of the loan of the collection, should such an extension still appear necessary.

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Dr. Burton W. Adkinson

With the above in mind, it is my hope that the work on the Anders papers begin as soon as possible.

Again, I appreciate your continuing interest in this project, particularly your concern that possible intelligence material be exploited to the best possible advantage.

Sincerely,

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